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**INSURANCE DEPARTMENT HEALTH POLICY SPECIALIST PASSES AWAY**

BOISE ID (October 25, 2012) – The Idaho Department of Insurance has lost a valued employee with the passing of Joan Krosch, Health Policy Specialist. Joan passed away at home Saturday, October 20.

Department Director Bill Deal says, "Joan was a tremendous asset to the Department. She had a wealth of experience that will be hard to replace. She loved a challenge and never passed up an opportunity to research a health insurance question and provide the answer. Joan had great passion, knowledge and dedication in her work focusing on health insurance. She will be greatly missed."

Joan began working for the Department of Insurance as a contract Market Conduct Examiner in 1983. She was officially hired in 1987 as Administrator of Regulations, a position she held until 1991. Since then, Joan worked with the legislature and other professionals whose goal was achieving access and affordability to health insurance for all Idahoans.

Joan assisted with the implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability changes in 1996 (HIPAA), and in 2000 and 2001 assisted with the implementation of the Idaho Individual High Risk Reinsurance Pool.

Most recently, Joan was involved with extensive research relating to the Affordable Care Act. Most people would agree she was the most knowledgeable person in the state when it came to health insurance law.

Joan loved her work and was fond of saying, "Working for the Department has never been like a job, it is a great opportunity that I look forward to each day."

Services for Joan will be held at 1:00 on Saturday, November 3, at the Ladies Auxiliary Hall on West Boise Street in Horseshoe Bend. Memorials can be sent to 306 Dry Buck Road, Sweet, Idaho 83670.

**About the Department of Insurance**

The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to equitably, effectively and efficiently administer the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit [www.doi.idaho.gov](http://www.doi.idaho.gov).

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